1 **Abstract**

2   A video server for communicating content to a plurality of clients, including

3 one or more network attached storage (NAS) servers, each NAS server storing

4 content files for access by one or more clients; a switch for connecting the clients to

5 the NAS servers in response to control signals, via a communication link; and a

6 management control station connected to the clients and the NAS servers via the

7 switch, wherein the management control station receives a request for a content file

8 from a client, and selectively establishes a data stream between that client and an

9 NAS server which stores the requested content file, such that the NAS server

10 provides the content file to the client via the data stream, independent of other NAS

11 servers.